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TAGS: PARM ICRC PLO

SUBJ: POSSIBLE PLO ISSUE AT GENEVA LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 15151

1. LOCAL FRENCH-LANGUAGE DAILY, L'ORIENT-LE JOUR FOR JAN 21
REPRODUCED SMALL PHOTO OF LETTER, DATED DEC 2, 1974, ALLEGEDLY
SENT BY PLO TO SWISS GOVT.

2. EMBASSY UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION FROM ORIGINAL FRENCH TEXT FOLLOWS:

MR. PIERRE GRABER
FEDERAL COUNSELOR
CHIEF OF THE FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT.
FEDERAL PALACE
BERN, SWITZERLAND

MR. FEDERAL COMMISSIONER,
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THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION HAS THE HONOR TO BRING
TO YOUR EXCELLENCY'S ATTENTION THE FACT THAT IT HAS DECIDED TO
ADHERE TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF AUG 12, 1949 WHICH ARE:

- THE FIRST CONVENTION, RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF
WOUNDED AND SICK IN ARMED FORCES ON LAND.

-THE SECOND CONVENTION, RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF
WOUNDED, SICK AND SHIPWRECKED IN ARMED FORCES AT SEA.

-THE THIRD, RELATIVE TOO THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

-THE FOURTH, RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF CIVILIAN PERSONS
IN TIME OF WAR.

THE PLO REQUESTS THE SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL, IN ITS CAPACITY
AS CUSTODIAN OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS, PLEASE TO TAKE NOTE OF
THIS ADHERENCE AND TO SO INFORM THE SIGNATORY POWERS.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, MR. FEDERAL COUNSELR, TO ASSURE YOU
OF MY HIGHEST REGARDS.

(SIGNED)

FAROUK QADDUMI (SEAL OF PLO
HEAD OF THE POLITICAL POLITICAL DEPT.)
DEPT OF THE PLO

3. COMMENT: REPRODUCED LETTER IS TYPED AND CONTAINS SOME
CORRECTIONS IN PEN AND DIACRITICAL MARKS ARE ADDED BY HAND.
NO FURTHER DETAILS OF ALLEGED PLO INITIATIVE ARE AVAILABLE AT
THIS TIME, BUT SUCH MOVE WOULD NOT SURPRISE US IN CONTEXT
OF PLO CAMPAIGN TO GAIN WIDER INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AND
ACCEPTANCE. LIKEWISE, WE WOULD NOT BE AT ALL SURPRISED IF
PLO PARTICIPATION BECAME ISSUE AT FORTHCOMING LAW OF WAR
CONFERENCE AT GENEVA, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF STATUS OF
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY OAU. GOL FONMIN
OFFICIAL WITH WHOM EMBOFF DISCUSSED JAN 23 POTENTIAL QUESTION
OF PRG PARTICIPATION AT SECOND SESSION (SEPTEL) DID NOT RPT
NOT INTRODUCE PLO QUESTION IN CONVENTION.
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